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1. FOLLOWING ARE SOME INITIAL THOUGHTS ON POINTS THAT SHOULD BE IN PROPOSED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PAPER:

A. -- THE U.S. SHOULD RESIST ANY CHANGE IN THE FOCUS OF BOP CONSULTATIONS WHICH WOULD PLACE ALL THE BLAME ON OTHER COUNTRIES' RESTRICTIONS AGAINST THE CONSULTING COUNTRY'S EXPORTS. WE CAN SIMPLY RECALL THAT THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH RESTRICTIONS IS ALREADY A LEGITIMATE TOPIC FOR COMMENT IN BOP CONSULTATIONS.

B. -- WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT FULL CONSULTATION IS AN OBLIGATION UNDER ART. XII AND XVIII AND THAT A MINI-BOP IS AN EXCEPTION.

C. -- WE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THE G-18 URGE THE COUNCIL TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE REALITY THAT RESORT TO IMPORT SUR-CHARGES IS ALREADY AN ESTABLISHED PRACTICE FOR GATT COUNTRIES FACING BOP DIFFICULTIES.

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D. -- WE SHOULD URGE THE G-18 TO RECOMMEND THAT THE

COUNCIL EMPOWER THE BOP COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE OF
PROGRESS IN DISMANTLING BOP-RELATED RESTRICTIONS ONCE
ART XII OR XVIII IS DISINVOKED.

2. ON SHORT NOTICE WE DON'T HAVE ADDITIONAL POINTS
BEYOND THOSE IN HARTZELL MEMO OF SEPT AND INTER-
AGENCY BOP PAPER PREPARED FOR G-18 MEETING. AS HARTZELL,
SPRUCE AND BRUNGART ON LEAVE UNTIL EARLY JAN, BELIEVE
IT BEST WE RESERVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS UNTI WE HAVE
SEEN WASHINGTON PAPER.

3. AS MOST KEY MEMBERS OF LDC MISSIONS ON LEAVE, WE WILL
REPORT LDC VIEWS ON BOP RULES AND PROCEDURES AS SOON AS
WE CAN CONTACT THEM. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BRAZIL AND
INDIA ARE ONLY LDC MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE THAT ACTIVELY
PARTICIPATED IN ITS MEETINGS. DALE

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